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BOOK REVIEWS

SOME MEDICAL ETHICAL PROBLEMS SOLVED. By Reverend M. P. Bourke, A.M., LL.B., Superintendent of Hospitals of the Diocese of Detroit and Chaplain St. Joseph Sanitarium, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis. Price, 30 cents.

The booklet "originated in an attempt to furnish concise and pointed answers to queries on sacramental and moral subjects, in relation to hospitals and the nursing profession." It is written on the catechetical plan and the questions and answers are classified under three heads: Medical Ethics; Moral Principles Applied to Obstetrics; Sacramental Questions. The questions under the title, Medical Ethics, are very practical and are answered clearly and to the point. Under Moral Principles Applied to Obstetrics, the author has said many things that he has not supported as well as is desirable, and hypercritical readers may note an air of dogmatism in the work, but this can all be remedied by a more comprehensive treatment of the subject in subsequent editions. The third part, Sacramental Questions, is probably the most valuable contribution. Baptism—the manner and conditions under which it should be administered—is well expounded. On the whole the author's aim is accomplished and it is to be hoped that the pamphlet with its appended Code of Ethics will stimulate the production of a literature that will treat ethical problems of medicine in accordance with theological doctrine as well as medical science.

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SOLUTIONS IN TEN LESSONS. By Elsie M. Smith. Second Edition. 59 pages. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Mo. Price, \$1.00.

Solutions, mathematics, confusion, discouragement, failure. Some such sequence of words typifies the thoughts going through the minds of many student nurses when the subject of Solutions is broached. This little book which the author tells us is the "result of many years of study, on the part of one who found it her duty to teach the subject of solutions in training schools for nurses without a text book to guide her," presents the mathematics of solutions in a way which will be helpful to many, since the difficulty suggested above is usually traceable to an inability to do simple arithmetical problems. The author has presented her methods of working out the problems in a clear and logical fashion.